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Water Board to Meet This Week in Boise

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Aquifer recharge will be one of the topics discussed by members of the Idaho Water Resource Board when they meet this week at the Idaho Water Center in Boise.

The Board will be briefed on progress made since state officials signed an agreement with Idaho Power last month permitting some incidental aquifer recharge to occur this spring on the Eastern Snake Plain. IDWR personnel will also update the Board on progress made constructing Idaho's first managed recharge demonstration site near Wendell.

The Board will also begin discussions on developing a comprehensive aquifer management plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer as directed by the Legislature in Senate Concurrent Resolution 136, which passed last session.

The Board will also discuss long-term financing for repayment of the money appropriated by the Legislature to purchase the Bell Rapids water rights last year. Most of that water is now leased by the Bureau of Reclamation to augment flows for salmon and steelhead recovery.

IWRB Meeting Schedule:

When: Friday, May 19 2006

Where: Idaho Department of Water Resources Headquarters, sixth floor conference center, Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise

Time: 8:30 a.m.

The Board will hold work sessions on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m., and on Thursday, May 18 at 8:30 a.m. The meetings are open to the public.

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